

Strange Phenomena INVESTIGATIONS

"We must seek to answer
that which at present
eludes us."

Editorial Address.

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NEWSLETTER.

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WHY A NEWSLETTER ?

It is apparent that any serious research group should have a medium in which to communicate to its members, and to this matter it is hoped that very soon (SPI) will have its own magazine which will enable our group to inform its members on the latest news and research work etc. However, in the meantime we have decided to distribute this small newsletter in which it is hoped we can keep everyone in touch with recent events.

TWO BIG EVENTS IN SCOTLAND.

First and Foremost. It has been mutually agreed, (near enough ?) by both SPI & SUFOS, that there shall now be two events staged in Scotland concerning the paranormal. SUFOS will stage the 'Scottish UFO Open Day', whilst SPI will stage a 'Strange Phenomena Day'. Further details of both events shall be disclosed when they become available. Suffice to say that the SPI Day will cater for and introduce many other subjects relating to the field of the paranormal.

FOUNDING OF I.U.N.

Big changes occurred recently in Yorkshire, with the founding of (IUK) Independant UFO Network. This was born from two Yorkshire groups merging into one, ie, WYUFOG and YUFON. It was felt that this merger would benifit Yorkshire as a whole, with closer co-operation by individuals subscribing to the one group rather than two. Our best wishes to I.U.N.

FUTURE SPI RESEARCH.

Future research work for SPI shall include (a), a trip to the Fife village of Inverkeithing where an unusual haunting has been reported. (b) a Re-appraisal of the 1960 'Sauchie Poltergeist Case. This shall prove a good exercise for SPI researchers to tackle an update of this classic Scottish case. Research shall still be continuing regarding the events over in Shieldhill. As President of SPI, I aim to produce a 1987 year report concerning all research conducted by SPI, this will be given to all members.

'OPERATION DEEPSCAN'

SPI have been promised by Betty Gallagher Curator of the Loch Ness Exhibition Ctr in Drumnadrochit, a broadsheet giving the findings reached by 'Operation Deepscan'. At the moment, all material is over in the United States for analysis. It is hoped that further research shall be conducted at Loch Ness next year. However, I was informed that there are no plans as yet for similar activities to be conducted at Loch Morar, home of the fabled, 'Morag'.

OPERATION COVER UP ?

As some of you may know, SPI have been writing to various UFO researchers throughout the U.K. asking them to approach their local M.P. and impress upon him, the neccessity of getting through to the M.O.D. in London in pressing for the release of further UFO documents. Mail recently in, has shown that we have

been getting a mixed response. Some UFOlogists feel it is a waste of time. However, if we don't press ahead with this issue, then we may never uncover cases which may prove valuable in the study and hopeful solution to the UFO Enigma.

PROVIDING MATERIAL.

SPI have a substantial amount of UFO & Paranormal items to include in our future magazine. However, it is always helpful if our members can supply us with any further documentation relating to paranormal events, if of course they are substantiated and factually. If you have any ideas or inclusions for our mag, then drop me a line at the editorial address.

SPI SERVICES.

SPI provide various services in which it can provide its members with items of interest. We have a book lending library, a video tape library, an audio cassette library. Any member wishing to visit the SPI office and borrow case files etc to photo copy for their own files, may do so. If you know of someone who may wish to join SPI, then membership forms, as well as a list of the above, can be obtained by writing to the editorial address.

NEW SPI INVESTIGATORS APPOINTMENTS.

SPI welcomes the following people who shall be researching UFO reports in their own particular regions. They are as follows. TAYSIDE REGION, Arthur Lynch. STRATHCLYDE REGION, Andrew Hardie and also, G.N.P. Stephenson. ARGYLL REGION, Garret Macfarlane. We wish them well.

SPI SUB GROUPS.

Once SPI has sufficient membership, we aim to form small sub groups within SPI. Sub groups on, UFO Research, Ghosts and Haunting Research, Earth Mysteries Research etc. For it may be the case that some members to SPI may only be interested in the one subject, and so the forming of these small sub groups should be beneficial to them. Regarding the Earth Mysteries, Researcher, Ron Halliday would host this.

FAMOUS HOAX.



RE COTTINGLEY FAIRIES.

The above photograph taken in 1917 by 15 year old Elsie Wright, shows her friend Frances Griffiths with what appears to be dancing fairies. This was one of a series of photographs taken by the girls which fooled eminent people over a number of years. They were finally unmasked as fakes back in 1982, no doubt there are many more apparently genuine photographs taken by others which await modern scrutiny.

BOOKS FOR SALE.

A full and wide range of books pertaining to the paranormal may be obtained by writing to, Lionel Beer, 15 Freshwater Court, Crawford Street, London, W.I.

SPI KNOWN WORLD WIDE.

SPI are now officially recognised as a Scottish research group dealing with the Paranormal. We have an entry in the American book, 'Annual UFO Phenomenon Who's Who'. This book will be on sale from March 1988. It can be obtained by writing to the following address, Annual UFO Phenomenon Who's Who, P.O. Box 66404, Mobile, Alabama, 36606, U.S.A. Post publication Price is at \$ 6.95. Single copy add \$ 1.50 P&P. Please remit a check or money order, (International orders in U.S. dollars), made payable to Robert D Boyd. at above address.

IN CLOSING.

It is my hope then that this newsletter will keep everyone up to date with recent news in the UFO and paranormal field. There shall be a further newsletter in January 1988. Merry Xmas & a happy new year to all. Editor.